

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-24, 26 and 27 are currently at issue. Claims 21-24, 26 and 27 are hereby cancelled. Claims 16-20 are allowed.

Claims 1, 2 and 12-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,377,979, to Peterson, et al.

Claims 1, 2 and 12-14 stand alternatively rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,550,122 to David, et al. Claims 4-8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as unpatentable over David, et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,407,371, to Hohl.

Claims 9, 10, 11 and 15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112. These claims do not stand rejected on the art. The alleged problems under 35 U.S.C. §112 have been addressed. Further, claim 9 has been rewritten in independent form so as to make claim 9, and claims 10, 11 and 15, which depend cognately therefrom, allowable.

Reconsideration of the rejection of claims 1, 2 and 4-15 is respectfully requested.

Claim 1 has been amended to characterize the second means as comprising a first wheel, with there being means for mounting the first wheel to the frame for rotation relative thereto about an axis.

The Examiner overlooked a significant limitation in rejecting claim 1 in that, prior to the this Amendment, it included the limitation that the second means extended rearwardly beyond the first means. In David, et al., this allegedly corresponding second means does not extend rearwardly beyond the disk 23.

In addition, neither David, et al. nor Peterson, et al. teaches or suggests a wheel for a corresponding second means.

Hohl, while showing coultter wheels, does not show the relationship between a coultter wheel and another wheel as in claim 1.


The remaining claims 2, 4-8 and 12-14 depend cognately from claim 1 and recite further significant structural detail to further distinguish over the art.

For example, claim 2, as amended, characterizes the first means as a disk with a central axis and the second means as residing substantially entirely rearwardly of the central axis of the disk. This is neither taught nor suggested in any of the art of record.

Entry of the Amendment, reconsideration of the rejection of claims 1 and 2-15, and allowance of the case are requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underage or to credit any overage regarding this matter to our Deposit Account No. 23-0785.

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